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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

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For: KEG TOPPER

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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Sir:

This election is being made in response to the Office Action dated April 20, 2005, which stated that the application contained inventions directed to two (2) distinct groups. The Office Action required the Applicant, under 35 U.S.C. § 121, to elect a single disclosed group for prosecution on the merits. The two groups identified in the Office Action are:

Group I: Recited in claims 1-19, drawn to a keg topping device, classified in class 40 subclass 310; and

Group II: Recited in claims 20-21, drawn to a method of mounting a disc member onto a top end of a container, classified in claims 215, subclass 556.

Pursuant to the restriction requirement, the Applicant elects the prosecution on the merits of Group I recited in claims 1-19, for a keg topping device, classified in class 40 subclass 310 without traverse.

With the above election, the Applicant respectfully submits that the application is in a condition for examination on the merits. An early examination and favorable action is respectfully solicited.

The Applicant hereby reserves the right to file a divisional application directed to the non-elected invention.

In the event this paper is not considered to be timely filed, the Applicant respectfully petitions for an appropriate extension of time. Any fees for such an extension, together with any additional fees that may be due with respect to this paper, may be charged to Counsel's Deposit Account No. 01-2300, **referencing attorney docket number 026079-00001.**

Respectfully submitted,



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